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Dasara gives tourism much-needed boost

Tourists at Mysore Palace this morning. Today till noon, over 6,000 footfalls were reported while yesterday, over 20,000 tourists visited the Palace.

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (SBD&BCT)- Showing signs of early revival of the COVID-battered tourism sector, thousands of visitors are thronging landmarks of Mysuru and are booking hotels and resorts to see the illumination that has been extended till Oct. 24.

Normally, hotels see guests checking out after the Dasara procession. But this year, post-Dasara days too are seeing increased bookings of accommodations, travel and tourist vehicles up to 60 percent and more.

On Saturday, the day after *Jumboo Savari,* over 20,000 devotees visited the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, over 20,830 visitors including 3,964 children visited the Mysuru Zoo, 2,744 visitors entered the Karanji Lake including 395 children. 19,054 tourists visited the Palace including 2,320 children and 11 foreign tourists.

Today (Sunday) there has been a dip where over 8,116 footfalls have been reported in the Zoo, over 6,000 at Palace and over 8,000 to 10,000 visitors to the Chamundi Hill till noon. From the beginning of Dasara, over 95,830 tourists have visited the Zoo, 94,000 to Chamundi Hill and over 60,000 have visited the Palace.

Increasing number of visitors are enquiring about visiting other tourist destinations including Kodagu, Kollur, Mangaluru, Chikkamagaluru, Nanjangud, Melukote and Male Mahadeshwara Hills. As if to coincide with the tourist rush, cinemas in the city too are sporting 'houseful' sign boards owing to two big-ticket Kannada releases.

Though the festivities were a low-key affair like last year, tourist footfall is better this year thanks to many novel initiatives by the Government like the extension of illumination by nine days after Vijayadashami, said stakeholders. Dropping number of COVID cases and increased fully vaccinated status of the people have contributed to the increased tourist flow.

(See TOURISM on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 17th October 2021

City shooters shine at B'luru Championship

Mysuru shooters** (sitting from left) **Ateeq Ahmed, Isthaiq Ahmed, Coach and Founder of Mysore District Rifle Association (MDRA) M.S. Suresh and Ishraq Ahmed;* (standing from left) ***Mohammad Arabi, Razzaq Ahmed, Nishanth P. Jamadagni, Manjesh Mandanna and M.S Vignesh.

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (ASC)- The Pistol and Rifle shooters of Mysore District Rifle Association (MDRA) in Ramakrishnanagar have won numerous medals at the Arjun and Golden Ace Shooting Championship-2021, held at Bengaluru recently.

Nagendra

Over 400 shooters from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu participated in the contest in which Mysuru shooters have won 6 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Shooter Ishtiaq Ahmed excelled in the Open Sight event with 3 Gold and 1 Silver while Shooter M.S Nagendra won an Individual Silver in 10m Pistol ISSF (The International Shooting Sport Federation) event. He had also won a Gold in the 1st State Para Shooting Competition-2021 held at Hubballi in September. Medal winners are as follows:

Pistol: 10m pistol Under 14 - Nishanth P. Jamadagni (Gold); 10m pistol Para Senior - M.S. Nagendra (Silver); 10m pistol Veteran - Isthaiq Ahmed (Gold); 10m pistol Senior Team - Manjesh Mandanna, Nishanth Jamadagni and Vinod Ram (Silver); 10m pistol Veteran Team - Ateeq Ahmed, Isthaiq Ahmed and Antony (Gold).

Peep Sight Rifle: 10m Rifle Veteran - Ateeq Ahmed (Silver).

Open Sight Rifle: 10m OS Rifle Veteran - L. Shiju (Gold); 10m OS Rifle Senior - L. Shiju (Bronze); 10m OS Rifle Para Senior - Ishraq Ahmed (Gold).

10m OS Rifle Senior Team - L. Shiju, Ramesh Babu and Ishthaiq Ahmed (Gold); 10m OS Veteran Team- L. Shiju, Isthaiq Ahmed, and Ateeq Ahmed (Gold); 10m OS Rifle Junior Team- Razzaq Ahmed, Mohammed Arabi ans M.S. Vignesh (Bronze).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The COVID-19 vaccine has been in the news and always been seen as a ray of hope since the beginning of the pandemic. However, even before the first COVID vaccine was approved in any part of the world, the challenge of 'vaccine nationalism' was identified, in which many affluent nations secured far more vaccine doses for their population than needed. Some went up to secure up to five times more than what their population needed. It was criticised but that did not stop the rich nations. 'Vaccine nationalism', 'vaccine discrimination' and 'vaccine inequity' are emerging as some of the major challenges in the COVID pandemic. These are not the only ones. On many fronts where solidarity and collaboration are needed, many countries have disappointed the global community. There is still some time. The countries need to share vaccines with the rest of the world and collaborate with COVAX. In this direction, the announcement made by the Government of India that some COVID vaccines will be exported from mid-October is commendable. If countries do not cooperate with each other during the pandemic, then when will they? Time is short but the global community has yet another chance. The coming generation will assess all our steps.

—Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tallest woman

Turkey: A Turkish woman who stands at 7 feet, .7 inch tall has been dubbed the tallest woman living by Guinness World Records.

Rumeysa Gelgi, who previously was named the tallest teenager living (female) at age 18 in 2014, claimed a second title when she was officially remeasured by Guinness this year. Gelgi was born with Weaver syndrome, a rare condition that causes accelerated growth. The condition forces Gelgi to use a wheelchair for most of her mobility, but she is able to walk for short periods with the help of a walker.

For $84,000, artist returns blank canvas

Denmark: The money was supposed to be used to create modern art. And it was — but not in the way a Danish museum expected when it gave an artist the equivalent of $84,000. In return, it received two empty canvases.

The artist, Jens Haaning, says the blank canvases make up a new work of art — titled "Take the Money and Run" — that he calls a commentary on poor wages. One thing it's not, he says, is a theft. "It is a breach of contract, and breach of contract is part of the work. The work is that I have taken their money," Haaning stated. The Kunsten Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg isn't satisfied with that explanation but that hasn't stopped it from displaying the two canvases.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Do you know oestrogen hormone is cardioprotective?

By Dr. Anjali B.P - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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EPFO starts WhatsApp auto chat facility

Send message to 8105645793, avail PF services

Mysuru, Oct. 17- In its endeavour to improve the facility to its stakeholders, Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, has started a new initiative on WhatsApp auto chat facility for its subscribers.

The members are not required to call on any number to ask their queries but can get answer for important question sitting at their office or home.

Presently the services like:

a) How to file e-nomination by members

b) How to withdraw PF online

c) How to update KYC

d) How to update your name online

e) How to reset password

f) How to update the date of exit by members online, have been introduced both in English and Kannada language.

Members can avail this facility by sending a message to **EPFO's official WhatsApp number 8105645793** during office hours. They will get the menu of question from which they can further select their choice of question.

Detailed instructions will be shared immediately, stated a press release from Vinit Kumar, Regional PF Commissioner-I, Regional Office, Mysuru.

REALLY...?

- ***Origin of chess:** It is claimed that the game of chess originated in India some 1,500 years ago. It is said to be based on 7th-century war game called Chaturanga that flourished in Northwestern India at the time.*
- ***The sari is over 5000 years old:** The sari dates back to at least 3000 BCE. Sari wearers often choose the colour of their garment based on the occasion. Red is often worn by brides to symbolise fertility and prosperity.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher to a student: *Conjugate the verb "to walk" in simple present.*
Student: *I walk. You walk.*
Teacher interrupts: *Quicker please...*
Student: *I run. You run!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.02
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.44
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.10

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	OCTOBER 15	OCTOBER 16
Day's Positive Cases	59	21
Total Positive Cases	1,78,675	1,78,696
Day's Discharges	31	56
Total Discharges	1,75,855	1,75,911
Day's Deaths	2	1
Total Deaths	2,402	2,403
Total Active Cases	418	382

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Mathoorji's admirer Dr. Krishnamurthy

Sir,

Apropos KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru Kendra: Remembering Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurthy"*** *in SOM* dated Oct. 4, just remembered Dr. Krishnamurthy, who had accompanied Dr. Mathoorji, Uthappa family, Sumana and many others by train to Prayagraj (then Allahabad) where Badimaa had her 45-acre guest house-cum-garden on the banks of Sangam (Ganga-Jamuna-Guptagami and Saraswathi).

I also visited along with Sudha Murty. They had arranged a *homa* by Dr. Mathoorji. Dr. Krishnamurthy was sitting by my side in a chair and I was watching the *homa kunda*, suddenly Sudha Murty came to me and said: "We are not getting sleep even during night times, see how he is sleeping. Please wake him up."

I looked at Dr. Krishnamurthy to wake him up. Alas, he was dead watching *homa kunda!*

Of course, Badimaa made all arrangements to send his body to Mysuru!

The doctor was a very nice person and a great admirer of Mathoorji and would address Mathoorji as 'Swamiji.' A medical doctor by profession, Dr. Krishnamurthy of Nanjumalige in Mysuru and his wife would attend Mathoorji's discourse at Jaganmohan Palace regularly.

—N. Ramanuja
on e-mail
USA
13.10.2021

State level Govt. Employees Sports Meet postponed by a day

Mysuru, Oct. 17- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) has postponed the three-day State level Sports Meet for Government Employees scheduled to take place at Davanagere by a day.

The Sports Meet, which was earlier scheduled to take place from Oct. 21 to 23, will now be held from Oct. 22 to 24.

Government employee sportspersons who bagged the first and second place in individual events and teams which have bagged the top place in team events at the Mysuru District level Sports Meet held at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in the city on Oct. 12 and 13, are required to collect their identity cards at the Department office located in Chamundi Vihar Stadium at Nazarbad **before 5 pm on Oct. 18**, according to a press release.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2564179 or 2427890.

World Audiologists Day: Walkathon tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (ASC)- As part of World Audiologists Day, JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing (JSS ISH), Mysuru, has organised a Walkathon on Oct. 18 at 9.30 am from the Institute premises on M.G Road.

It will pass through Agrahara Circle, RTO Circle, Ramaswamy Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Basaveshwara Circle and will end at JSS Hospital premises.

The Walkathon aims to create awareness among public about the profession and professional services offered.

Free skill training for youths at RUDSETI

Mysuru, Oct. 17- RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, has invited applications from youths in the age group of 18 to 45 years for skill training programme — Electrical Motor Rewinding from Oct. 21 to Nov. 19; Men's Tailoring from Nov. 8 to Dec. 9.

Candidates residing in rural area of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts having BPL card may apply for the free skill training programme which is compulsorily residential with free boarding and lodging facility.

For details, contact RUDSETI office between 9.30 am and 6 pm or the Director at RUDSETI, Main Road, Hinkal, Mysuru - 570030 or Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 88845-54510.

First store of Nectar Fresh inaugurated in city

FROM LEFT: ***Nectar Fresh Founder K.M. Rajappa, Cardiologist Dr. N.S. Rajendra, Philanthropist & Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works Managing Partner Jagannath Shenoy, Wellness Expert Dr. B.R. Pai, actress Malavika Avinash, Moiz S. Vagh and Faika Vagh of Hunsur Plywood Works, VRL Logistics Group & VRL Media Limited Chairman Vijay Sankeshwar and Nectar Fresh Founder Chayaa Nanjappa Rajappa seen during the inauguration of 'Nectar Fresh' store in city recently.***

Mysuru, Oct. 17- The first store of 'Nectar Fresh' that sell quality products of rural social enterprise, was jointly inaugurated recently in the city by VRL Logistics Group and VRL Media Limited Chairman Vijay Sankeshwar, Philanthropist and Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works Managing Partner Jagannath Shenoy, renowned actress Malavika Avinash and Mysuru Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital's Senior Consultant Cardiologist Dr. N.S. Rajendra.

The store, with the theme 'Local to Global' is located next to Cubs Restaurant on Gokulam Main Road in V.V. Mohalla.

Speaking on the occasion, Vijay Sankeshwar said that at a time when local products are finding it difficult to find markets beyond the district of their location, it is mesmerising that Nectar Fresh products have succeeded in reaching markets beyond the borders in such a short span of time.

Pointing out that global market for Nectar Fresh is testimony for the quality of the products, Sankeshwar said that maintenance of quality is key for successful marketing of food products. Nectar Fresh products have earned global reputation because of their quality, he added.

Jagannath Shenoy, in his address, said that Nectar Fresh has been contributing a lot for rural employment generation by working on the theme 'Local to Global.' Noting that the company has provided jobs to tens of tribals and other rural populace, he lauded Nectar Fresh for maintaining quality, which is very vital to find space in the markets in this era of cutthroat competition. He wished the company, which is striving for rural employment generation, more success in the future.

Cardiologist Dr. N.S. Rajendra said that having quality and nutritious food is crucial in these days of modernity. Regretting that people's health is under threat because of changing lifestyles, westernisation of food habits and such other factors, he said that it is high time that we realise the importance of following our own tried and tested food habits. He lauded the products of Nectar Fresh, saying that the theme 'Local to Global,' very much befits Nectar Fresh products as they are prepared the way nature intended.

Actress Malavika Avinash, in her address, said that she knew the Proprietors of Nectar Fresh — K.M. Rajappa and Chayaa Nanjappa Rajappa — for years and she has seen the hard work and the untiring efforts made by the couple for setting up their dream store of Nectar Fresh.

Noting that she consumes Nectar Fresh products daily, Malavika said that it is a matter of pride that Nectar Fresh products are found even in big hotels and Malls, which shows the wide range of markets that the products have.

Complimenting the company for providing jobs to the rural population on a large-scale, she said that the products are helpful in maintaining a healthy and charming life.

She wished that the company reaches much greater heights in the coming days.

Nectar Fresh Founders K.M. Rajappa and Chayaa Nanjappa Rajappa, Aditya Brand's Shivakanth, Wellness Expert B.R. Pai of Vijaya Wires, Moiz S. Vagh and Faika Vagh of Hunsur Plywood Works were present.

Workshop on Telescope and Mathematics model making

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (ASC)- Mysore Science Foundation (MSF) has organised a 4-day workshop on 'Telescope making and Mathematics model making' from Oct. 17 to 20 at Jnanodaya PU College in Saraswathipuram between 10 am and 5 pm daily.

Interested students above 6th standard and teachers may attend the workshop.

Students will be taught to make Telescope, Mathematical models and also conduct day time astronomy experiments.

For details, contact G.B. Santhosh Kumar on Mob: 81055-03863 or H.V. Muralidhar on Mob: 89709-09949, according to a press release.

BVA course at CAVA

Mysuru, Oct. 17- Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has invited applications for Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with four years of eight semesters, for the year 2021-22.

This course includes Fine Arts, Sculpting, Graphics, Applied Arts, Art History, Photography and Photojournalism. After BVA, one can take up Master's Degree too.

Eligibility Test will be held on Oct. 18 at 11 am. Interview will be held at 2 pm, the same day.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931 or log on to ***https://mysore.nic.in/*** and ***https://cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in/***

NEWS BRIEFS

Free camp by AIISH

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) will be conducting free speech and hearing impairment screening camp for children and adults at Moulana Azad School premises on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Teachers Layout on Oct. 20 between 10 am and 4 pm. Those interested to attend the camp must compulsorily bring their Aadhaar and BPL cards along with two photos. [Mob: 94482-70641]

UoM Scholarship

University of Mysore (UoM) has invited applications from Muslim students to present scholarship from 'G.R. Ameer Jaan Endowment' for 2020-2021 (only for B.Com/ BBM/ Polytechnic courses). Muslim students who have secured more than 60% marks may apply through their College Principal. Those who have previously obtained benefit of the scholarship may renew it by submitting the application for renewal. Last date to apply is Oct. 30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419363/ 301.

Scholarships

Social Welfare Dept. has invited applications from SC candidates who have passed post-matric exams in first class in their first attempt to avail scholarships for the year 2021-22 (Course competition year 2021). Scholarship will be Rs. 20,000 for II PUC; Rs. 25,000 for Degree and Rs. 30,000 for PG students. To apply, log on to www.sw.kar.nic.in or visit the Office of Asst. Director, Dept. of Social Welfare, Mini Vidhana Soudha (Room No. 310), T. Narasipur taluk. Last date to apply is Oct. 31.

WATER LEVEL

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Inflow	:	10,427	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,022	cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,280.08	feet
Inflow	:	4,438	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,616	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.24	feet
Inflow	:	1,188	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,312	cusecs

Rain piles up miseries on Madhuvana residents

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MK&DM)-The Friday evening rains that lashed city minutes after the Dasara *Jumboo Savari* concluded, has brought untold miseries on the residents of Madhuvana colony along M.G. Road here.

The heavy rains has shattered the lives of many residents of the colony as sewage-mixed rain water entered the houses within minutes after it started raining, washing away several household articles including food grains and also destroying some other articles besides depositing silt.

The colony has reported damage to two parked cars and a scooter, while the compound wall of a few houses have collapsed.

Subbamma, a resident of the colony said that she had not seen such gushing of water into houses in the past 20 years of her stay in the colony. The collapse of the huge compound wall of a private building, which acted like a retention wall for the colony had led to the gushing of water, she said adding that the blocked storm water drain along the colony road only compounded the problem.

Suvarna, another resident of the colony said that rain water flowed for nearly 4 ft on the road and the force of the flow was such that the residents could hardly do anything in such a short time for preventing water gushing into houses. The walls of a couple of houses in the colony have collapsed due to the force of water and other residents are living under the constant fear of a few more wall collapse, she pointed out.

Residents of Madhuvana Colony collect their belongings which were washed away due to heavy rains on Friday. Picture below shows the collapsed wall of a private building.

A few other residents of the colony said that vehicles parked inside and outside the houses, cots, refrigerators, furniture, clothes, food grains etc., have all got destroyed due to the rain water and it took hours for them to clear their homes of rain water.

Meanwhile, on coming to know of the havoc caused by rains, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and Corporator B.V. Manjunath visited the colony on Saturday.

Later, Lakshmikantha Reddy told *SOM* that the colony is in a low lying area along M.G. Road and this had resulted in rain water gushing into houses. Maintaining that the MCC staff helped the residents in clearing water, he said that necessary measures will be taken for ensuring smooth flow of rain water in drains.

Attempt to sell jackal, civet cat pelts, monitor lizards

Forest personnel nab accused, recover five pelts, two live monitor lizards

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&KS)-The Forest Mobile Squad personnel have arrested a person who was attempting to sell pelts of jackal, civet cat and two live monitor lizards and have recovered five pelts of the wild animals and two live monitor lizards from him.

The accused has been identified as Yashwanth Rao (48), a resident of Shikaripura village in Nagamangala taluk of Mandya district. According to Forest officials, Yashwanth is involved in various forest crimes and added that Yashwanth, who had connections with *Hakki Pikki* tribal community people in Pakshirajapura in Hunsur taluk and at Nagamangala, used to identify those selling oils made from various herbs and those who believed in myths. He used to sell the heads of jackals and pelt of jackals and civet cats to them, the Forest officials added.

The Forest officials said that Yashwanth, who has confessed of committing the crimes, has stated that he used to sell pelt and skulls of jackals to those who believed that keeping them would bring good luck and used to sell monitor lizards to those who perform black magic.

Forest Mobile Squad Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Ramakrishnappa and Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Manohar Suvarna guided Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vivek, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) Pramod, D.M. Vinod Kumar, Nagaraju, Anil Kumar, T.C. Sneha, K.J. Meghana, Forest Guards Mahatesh, Kotresh Poojar, Chennabasavaiah, Virupaksha, Uday Kumar, Kumar, Prakash, Diwakar, drivers Madhu and Puttaswamy, in the operation.

Obituary

S.M. Jayaprakash

Mysuru, Oct. 17- S.M. Jayaprakash (70), President of Deepa House Building Co-operative Society and Deepa Recreation Club and a resident of Roopanagar, passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife Pushpa, son Vijay Raghavan and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources

M. Madaiah

M. Madaiah (83), retired CFTRI employee and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Over 5.12 lakh watch Dasara events online

New tradition of bringing idol of Goddess from Chamundi Hill to Palace to continue

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (DM)- Over 5.3 lakh people have watched this year's Dasara from Oct. 7 to 15 through various social platforms, said District Minister S.T. Somashekar, thanking Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is also the Chairman of High-Level Dasara Committee, for his continued support and valuable guidance.

Giving statistics of the number of people who watched the procession on the final day, he said that 1.85 lakh people watched Dasara through Facebook, 32,500 through YouTube, 5,300 on the official website. He said that in total more than 5.12 lakh people have watched Dasara on Facebook, 49,500 on YouTube and 23,150 on the official website since the inauguration till the 'Jumboo Savari' procession.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Somashekar also thanked the MP, Legislators, all other elected representatives, political leaders, the Deputy Commissioner, Police Commissioner and other officials.

Pointing out that only a few people could watch 'Jumboo Savari' this time as there were COVID restrictions, he lauded the support extended by the print, electronic and all other forms of media, which enabled the programmes to reach out to the people. Offering special thanks to the media for their unlimited support right from the inauguration of the festivities till the end, he said that it is heartening to note that lakhs of people have watched Dasara virtually.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar was felicitated on behalf of District and Rural BJP yesterday for the successful conduct of Dasara. Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MP Pratap Simha, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, JLR Chairman M. Appanna, BJP leader M.V. Ravishankar and others were present.

Asserting that Dasara this year has many specialties, he said that a new practice of bringing the idol of the deity — Goddess Chamundeshwari — from atop the Hill to the Palace premises has been set, he said that the people waited in anxiety to watch the deity being brought in a procession accompanied by Nadaswara and chanting of hymns and slogans hailing the deity.

Referring to the cultural programmes, he said that the programmes were limited to the Palace premises this time too just like last year due to the COVID pandemic. Noting that this year's highlight was the dawn-to-dusk cultural and music programmes on one day, the District Minister said that this apart, a two-day cultural programme was held at Kalamandira and at Nanjangud too.

100 cultural troupes

Contending that more than 100 cultural and musical troupes have been given an opportunity at the cultural programmes, he said that he was happy to note that Abhimanyu carried the Golden Howdah successively for the second time. He complimented the role of Mahouts, Kavadis and the Forest Department staff for their untiring efforts to ensure a successful 'Jumboo Savari.'

Arguing that this year's Dasara earned more attraction than the previous two years (2019 and 2020), Somashekar said that a total of 105 kms of the city roads, 96 circles and 49 junctions were illuminated, with 60 engineers and more than 400 workers working round-the-clock for the illumination.

Referring to Dasara inauguration, he said that former CM S.M. Krishna, who has given some valuable suggestions on making Mysuru a prime tourism hub. In this backdrop, CM Bommai has extended Dasara illumination by nine days as a measure to boost tourist footfalls.

Nalwadi Award

Noting that Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji conferred Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Award on 12 achievers in the Mysore Palace recently, he said that a letter has been written to the CM to confer the awards from the Government itself from next year.

Pointing out that the CM has sanctioned Rs. 6 crore for this year's Dasara, he said that while Srirangapatna and Chamarajanagar Dasaras have got Rs. 50 lakh each, Arkalgud Dasara has got Rs. 20 lakh. Contending that he had given an account of Dasara expenses soon after the conclusion last year, he said that he will come up with this year's expenses soon.

Sword of Chamaraja Wadiyar statue breaks during *Jumboo Savari* rush

Mysuru, Oct.17 (MTY&DM)- The 'Jumboo Savari' crowd rush near the Palace on Friday had its effects as the sword of the statue of Chamaraja Wadiyar at Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle in front of the Palace broke and the boundary wall of the statue, the Circle bulbs and flower pots got damaged due to the havoc caused by the restive crowd.

With the Dasara procession, just like last year, restricted to Palace premises this time too due to COVID, a huge crowd gathered in front of the Palace to have a glimpse of the procession from a close range. Even as the crowd surged forward, some in the crowd attempted to climb the Chamaraja Wadiyar statue, when the sword of the statue made out of white marble, got broke. Besides, some elements among the crowd removed the serial lights and destroyed several flower pots that decorated the Circle. Besides, the safety railings of the statue have been damaged and big bulbs that were part of the illumination were broken. This apart, advertisement hoarding of the company that had illuminated the Circle too got torn apart and glass pieces of broken bulbs were seen everywhere around the statue.

Meanwhile, a video of damages caused to the statue of Wadiyar has gone viral and the damages recorded in the video has outraged social media followers. They have sought immediate security for the statue by banning entry of people, installation of CC Cameras and regular maintenance of the statue.

As the video went viral, **MCC officials yesterday visited the spot and ascertained the extent of damage caused to the statue.** Sources said, the Corporation has already initiated measures to replace the sword and repair all other damages.

Mysuru Literature Festival 2021

Nawaaz Ahmed on making diverse genders acceptable

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (OSR)- The Fifth Edition of Mysuru Literature Festival, 2021 that is being held in virtual and hybrid format began last evening with a conversation between Nawaaz Ahmed, author of 'Radiant Fugitives' and Sita Bhaskar, author of 'Flirting with Trouble and other stories.'

The Mysuru Literature Festival is a flagship literary event on the cultural calendar of Mysuru, from the past five years. Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust — the organiser of the Festival — introduced the speakers and welcomed the guests, viewers and the members of the Mysuru Book Clubs.

Nawaaz Ahmed, who worked at Yahoo, took ten years to write his debut book. The story revolves around two Muslim sisters living in the US who are different in their political inclinations and beliefs and their mother who comes to the US to support one of the sisters who is to deliver her child. The narration itself is special because it is told from the perspective of the new-born baby.

Nawaaz began reading out a little heart-wrenching passage from his book which described a new-born baby yet to take its first breath witnessing the death of its mother who had just given birth. The reading gave us a glimpse of the grip that the author has on the language and the flow of emotions touching one's inner core. He said that he wanted a unique point of view which is minute as well as omniscient — an outsider to the family frictions and hence he chose the story to be rendered through a new-born.

Nawaaz being a queer himself has woven a rich and intriguing story involving multi-ethnic, multilingual and diverse gendered layers of fiction. His protagonist Seema being an activist and a campaigner to US Vice President Kamala Harris brings in a huge political detailing into the book. It was not surprising when Nawaaz informed his readers that his agents had told him to write only about the family and not about politics. But Nawaaz insisted that the time in which his book is set in and the identity of his characters made it imperative that the political undercurrents of the country had to seep into the story itself.

Talking about the queer struggles, the author opined that 'visibility is possibility' and that is the only answer to making diverse genders acceptable. He has integrated poems by Keats, Wordsworth and the holy Quran in his book to convey and communicate the abstract nature of religion and spirituality.

Sita Bhaskar efficiently and smoothly moderated the conversation to bring out the best aspects of the book and the best strengths of the author. She drew out the author's opinions out of his book, regarding politics, gender, religion, structure of the book, poetry and cooking.

"To live in America is like living with your in-laws" is a quote from the book which sums up the struggles of the immigrants in integrating into a different society.

Shubha Sanjay Urs, Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust — the organiser of the Festival — Nawaaz Ahmed, author of 'Radiant Fugitives' and Sita Bhaskar, author of 'Flirting with Trouble and other stories' during one of the virtual session of Mysuru Literature Festival 2021 that began last evening.

Virtual session **Date: October 17** **Time: 7 pm IST**

Lights, Camera, Action: A cinematic tale starring Shabana Azmi

Shabana Azmi

Shabana Azmi is an internationally celebrated film and theatre actress who believes that art should be used as an instrument for social change. She is also highly respected as a social activist and tireless campaigner for the rights of women, slum-dwellers and the underprivileged. She heads the Mijwan Welfare Society, an NGO that works for empowerment of the girl child in rural India.

Shabana Azmi was nominated to the Rajya Sabha in 1997. She is a recipient of the *Padma Shree* and *Padma Bhushan.* She was awarded the Gandhi International Peace Prize at the House of Lords in 2006. At the Bicentennial celebrations of International Human Rights in Paris 1989, she was honoured along with Mother Theresa by President Mitterrand of France.

She also won the Crystal Award along with Mohammed Ali and Michael Douglas at the World Economic Forum 2006. She has been conferred five doctorates by renowned universities both national and international. She has received the prestigious Martin Luther King, Rosa Park and Chavez Award and is Visiting Professor of the University of Michigan. A former UN Goodwill Ambassador for Population and Development she continues to work on issues of Public Health. She has recently been nominated as Global Leadership Ambassador for Women in Public Service Project initiated by Hillary Clinton.

Moderator:
Maithili Rao

Maithili Rao is a freelance film critic and author of 'Smita-Patil, A Brief Incandescence' (HarperCollins, now translated into Marathi). Her next book, 'Millennial Women in Bollywood: A New Brand?' will be out next year. Due for publication 2022 is an anthology on 'Motherhood -- The Oldest Love Story' co-edited with Rinki Bhattacharya.

Maithili Rao

She currently writes a column on 'The Current Cinema for Man's World' and has written for major national and international publications: The Hindu, Frontline, Film Comment, International Film Guide, Sunday Observer and Eve's Weekly where she wrote a column on 'Images of Women'. She contributed chapters to various books on cinema and served on national and international juries.

Those interested to take part in the festival may register at: ***www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com***
The event will be telecast live on YouTube handle: ***Mysuru Literature Festival***
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Dasara gives tourism much-needed boost

(Continued from page 1)

Though there are not much travellers from Kerala and Tamil Nadu owing to COVID and rain fury, the number of tourists from other districts of Karnataka like Kodagu, Mandya and the IT-BT crowd from Bengaluru — mainly to see the illumination as the procession was out of bounds — is an encouraging factor to revive the ailing sector, said stakeholders.

In a media statement, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said, there has been a significant revival of fortunes during Dasara with some hotels reporting 100 percent occupancy. "Occupancy rates ranged from 50-60 percent between Oct. 7 and 13 and increased to nearly 90 percent from Oct. 14 to 17," he said.

From Oct. 18 to 20, more than 50 percent of the rooms have been booked and the same trend will continue till Oct. 24 as the illumination has been extended. Also, the cancellation of the immensely popular 'Aahara Mela' (Food Mela) during Dasara due to the pandemic turned out to be a blessing in disguise for hoteliers as this has led to a good turnover in restaurants and hotels.

Tours and taxi operators have seen increasing bookings to religious destinations like Kollur, Male Mahadeshwara Hills, Kukke Subramanya, Horanadu, Dharmasthala, Udupi, Melukote and Sringeri from Mysuru. Operators said that over 60 percent of the vehicles like cabs, luxury taxis and SUVs have been taken by small families and larger groups have opted for comfortable Tempo Travellers.

Suttur Mutt's Digital Moonlight Music Programme on Oct. 20

Mysuru, Oct. 17- As part of the 235th edition of monthly moonlight music programme of Suttur Mutt, Vid. N. Rajkamal will present a Flute Concert (Digital) from Suttur Shaka Mutt in city at 6 pm on Oct. 20. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Vid. N. Rajkamal

They will be accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga. The digital music concert can be accessed through the following links: YouTube: ***http://Youtube.com/c/JSS Mahavidyapeetha online*** OR Facebook: ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP,*** according to a press release.

Dasara jumbos head back to jungle camps

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&KS)- Emotional moments were witnessed at Mysore Palace premises this morning when all the eight Dasara elephants returned to their respective forest camps after the end of the ten-day Dasara festivities. Many onlookers became emotional when these elephants were loaded onto the trucks.

Earlier in the morning, priest S.V. Prahalad Rao led the puja rituals and offered fruits to Howdah Elephant Abhimanyu, Dasara debutant Ashwathama, Dhananjaya, Kaveri, Chaitra, Lakshmi and Vikrama. Public too offered sugarcane, jaggery and fruits before the elephants were mounted on to the trucks.

An honorarium of Rs. 10,000 each was given to 50 persons including the Mahouts, Kavadis and helpers of Dasara elephants from the Palace Board while the Forest Department gave rice bags and other items.

Ashwathama, which participated in Dasara celebrations for the first time, was hesitating to leave the city and was dilly-dallying to climb onto the truck. Though Abhimanyu, Dhananjaya and Gopalaswamy tried to push him gently on the truck, Ashwathama was reluctant. Finally, Abhimanyu gave a strong push and made Ashwathama land on the vehicle.

Golden Howdah elephant Abhimanyu's Mahout Vasanth said that Mysuru Dasara has been celebrated in a simple manner for two years due to COVID pandemic and added that this year's celebration was grand compared to last year.

Pointing out that all went well with the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari, Vasanth said that he prayed to the Goddess to end the pandemic and Dasara be held in a grand manner next year.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. V. Karikalan said that all the eight Dasara elephants were healthy and left for their respective camps after fulfilling their responsibilities successfully. While Vikrama was not allowed to participate as he was in musth condition. Elephant Lakshmi too was withdrawn as she was panicking while seeing the crowd.

Howdah elephant Abhimanyu and Gopalaswamy left for Mathigodu Elephant camp, Ashwathama left to Doddaharave Elephant camp, Vikrama, Dhananjaya and Kaveri to Dubare Elephant Camp and Chaitra and Lakshmi left for Rampura Elephant Camp.

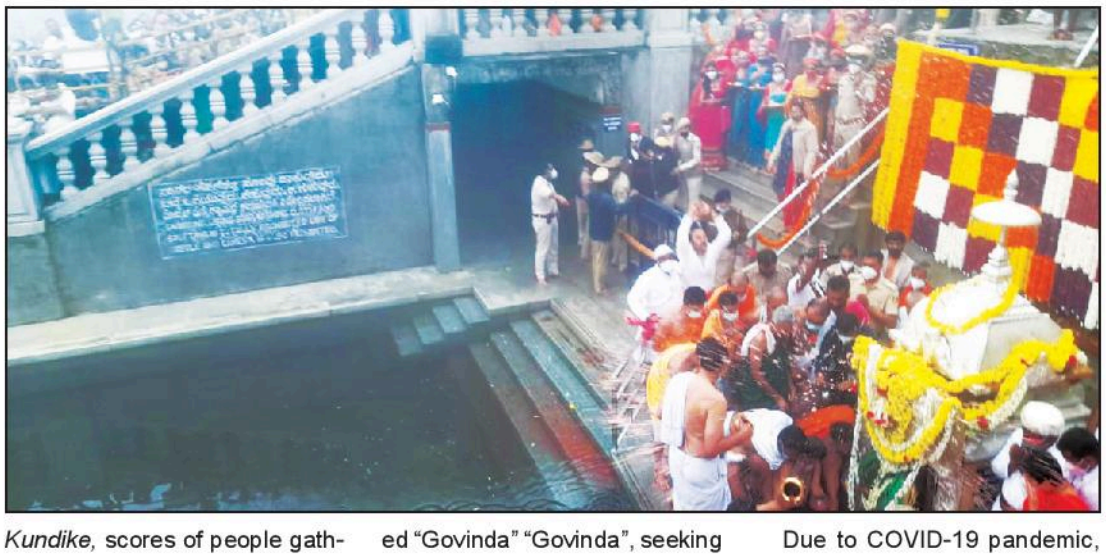
Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, DCF Kamala Karikalan, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Range Forest Officer (RFO) K. Surendra, Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh, Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chetan and others were present.

Theerthodbhava occurs at Talacauvery amidst curbs

Madikeri, Oct. 17 (PS&BCT)- The annual Holy Cauvery *Theerthodbhava* took place at Talacauvery, the birth place of River Cauvery in Madikeri taluk of Kodagu district at 1.11pm today in the auspicious *Makara Lagna* of *Tula Sankramana*. Mist had covered the entire place and though it was cloudy, it did not rain.

The holy event took place exactly at the predetermined Muhurtha of 1.11pm at the foothills of Brahmagiri inside the *Holy Brahmakundike*, considered to be the source of River Cauvery. It is believed that Goddess Cauvery comes in the form of a fountain-head where water gushes from the *Brahmakundike*.

As soon as the sacred water sprung from the *Theertha Kundike*, scores of people gathered at the place erupted in joy. As the water bubbles appeared in the *Brahmakundike* that was filled with flowers, *kumkum* and vermilion, priests sprinkled water on the devotees and they chanted "Govinda" "Govinda", seeking the blessings of the Goddess.



Only a handful of devotees and priests were allowed near the *Kundike* while a large number of devotees were waiting at the boundaries of the holy pond.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the District Administration had restricted the entry of devotees to *Theertha Kundike* and *Pushkarini* (Temple Pond). As such, only a handful of people were allowed entry to witness the annual event from close range. The rituals began early and were conducted by a team of priests performing puja at the *Theertha Kundike*.

Devotees who had gathered in the vicinity of the temple chanted *Jai Jai Maata Cauvery*, hailing Goddess Cauvery. Kodavas in traditional attire, who had arrived from other parts of the district for the annual event, walked from Bhagamandala to Talacauvery carrying *Thaliyathakki Bolcha* and singing bhajans and songs hailing the Goddess.

Also present were members of Gowda and Amma Kodava communities. As the District Administration had not allowed them to draw holy water directly from *Kundike*, the devotees took the holy water filled in drums kept nearby.

Spreading positivity through gardening...

Shamala Prasanna

Mysuru, Oct. 17- The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of Dasara Home Garden competition conducted by the Horticulture Department for the second year in a row.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Shamala Prasanna of Lakshmipuram, an active participant in Dasara Home Garden competition every year and who has been redoing her garden for the 26th year in a row, said: "One positive outcome of the pandemic and lockdown is that I have been able to dedicate more time to pursue my favourite hobbies — gardening and music — to my full satisfaction."

"Even though the competition is cancelled, I still want to share how my garden spreads some positivity and cheer among people. This year, I put my creativity into action, the result being some beautiful landscapes in bonsai and their display. I also attended innumerable online demonstrations by renowned national and international landscaping and bonsai masters, which has been a great learning experience," she said hoping that normalcy will return soon and the grand flower show will be back next Dasara.

Yuva Brigade collects loads of garbage from Paschimavahini

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (BCT)- River Cauvery, the lifeline of several districts in Karnataka and neighbouring Tamil Nadu, has been losing its pristine glory at Srirangapatna owing to lack of a proper system to prevent pollution caused during sacred rituals.

Paschimavahini, Gosai Ghat and Sangama on the banks of Cauvery River in Srirangapatna are among a few sacred places in South India where thousands of people from across the country come to immerse the ashes of the dead and also offer worship during *Mahalaya Amavasya* and *Pitru Paksha*.

Owing to this sacred practice, the river is getting increasingly contaminated as adequate measures have not been initiated to prevent pollution during and after rituals. Piles of garlands, polythene covers, plantain leaves, leftover food, clothes and other *puja* materials are seen dumped at these places.

People immerse ashes, clay pots, garbage, clothes, bananas and coconuts, photos of deities and other materials offered during the rituals into the River. All that they bring from outside for the rituals are dumped here before they leave the place.

This has been going on for years and the Srirangapatna Panchayat has done little to clean up the mess though it collects a prescribed fee for the rituals to be performed. Not only during *Pitru Paksha*, people come here daily to perform *pujas* and on an average, over 1,500 people visit daily for the rituals.

Realising the desperate need to cleanse the area and the River bed that is considered sacred, Yuva Brigade launched a campaign last Sunday (Oct. 10) where over 30 volunteers got into the act of cleaning. They entered the river bed at around 6 am and by 2 pm, they could collect five tractor loads of garbage.

Srirangapatna TMC has not made arrangements for people to throw away the waste materials and there are only a few dustbins on the banks. This has compounded the problem. Also, after the rituals are performed, there is no system of cleaning the waste at Paschimavahini, Gosai Ghat and Sangama.

People visit these places to immerse ashes and perform 27 types of *pujas*, as per the Hindu customs and there are over 100 Priests who perform such *pujas* on the banks of River Cauvery.

For the Yuva Brigade cleaning drive, Srirangapatna TMC allotted a tractor to carry the waste, said Chandrashekar, Yuva Brigade in-charge of Mysuru.

The group of volunteers were led by Ranjith, Kiran, Sandesh, Manoj, Sooraj, Ravi, Supreeth, Rudresh, Prashanth, Sagar Manju and Anil.

Yaduveer inaugurates forest and wildlife organisation

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (RKB&DM)- Attributing the dwindling of forests to growth in human population, titular head of erstwhile Mysuru Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that Conservation of Wildlife and Forests is important for maintaining the balance of nature.

He was speaking after inaugurating People for Forest and Wildlife Conservation of Karnataka (PFWCK) organisation at Rani Bahadur auditorium on Hunsur Road here this morning. Noting that forest wealth and wildlife sustained naturally as there was less human population centuries ago, Yaduveer contended that plant species such as Neelagiri, Lantana and Parthenium were detrimental to the growth of forests.

Observing that though seed-ball initiative would help in the expansion of green cover, he said that, however, the organsiers must take utmost care to ensure that Neelagiri, Lantana and Parthenium saplings do not creep into the making of seed-balls. Also, the sowing of seed-balls must be done taking weather and season into account, he added.

Opining that water-holes in forests need not be created everywhere in the forests, Yaduveer said that the focus must be on creating a natural flow path for rain water in forests, which will ensure water conservation.

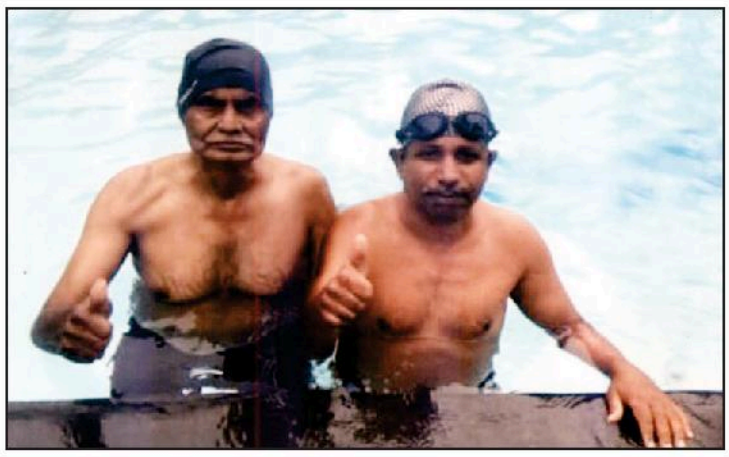
Stressing on the need for educating the population on the need for saving our forests from destruction, he said that the Organisation's plans for saving forest are good and expressed hope that the opinion he has expressed too will be taken into account while launching initiatives.

Rajyotsava awardee and former IAS Officer K. Amaranarayan, in his address, called upon the people to also mark their birthday by planting useful tree saplings. Emphasising on the importance of planting of saplings especially at a time when our forests are fast dwindling, he underlined the need for educating youth on nature and forest wealth conservation, as it is vital for future generations too.

Yaduveer also launched the PFWCK's YouTube channel and Facebook page on the occasion.

Renowned Wildlife Photographer duo Krupakar and Senani, M.M. Hills Wildlife Division DCF V. Yedukondalu, Dr. P. Madesh, faculty of the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Mysore, PFWCK President John Peter, Secretary Prakash and others were present.

Excel in swimming



Swimmers (from left) ***B. Sundaram and V. Jagadeesha.***

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (ASC)- The following swimmers of Mysore District Swimming Association (MDSA) have excelled at the XXII State Masters Swimming Championship-2021, organised by Karnataka Swimming Association, affiliated to Swimming Federation of India, Karnataka Olympic Association and Sports Authority of Karnataka, at the Corporation Swimming Pool in Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru on Oct. 9 and10.

V. Jagadeesha of Mysuru won Gold medal and secured first place in 200m Individual Medley (IM). He got Silver medals and secured second place in 100m Butterfly and 4 x 50 metres Relay.

Meanwhile, B. Sundaram, a resident of Vivekanandanagar and owner of Sri Manjunatha Dish View, won Silver medals and second place in 50m and 100m Backstroke; and a Bronze Medal securing third place in 50m Freestyle.

Karnataka CET topper feted

H.K. Meghan of Pramati Hillview Academy, Mysuru, who secured first rank in all streams of Karnataka CET (Engineering, BNYS, Agriculture, Veterinary Science and Pharmacy), was felicitated at Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College in city recently. He is seen with VVEI Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat, Principal H. Satyaprasad and faculty members. Picture below shows Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai felicitating Meghan at his office in the presence of Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Kannada & Culture Minister Sunil Kumar, Muzrai Minister Shashikala Jolle and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev.

Tiger captured in Tamil Nadu being treated in Mysuru

The injured feline had killed four persons, more than 30 cattle heads

Mysuru, Oct. 17 (MTY&KS)- The tiger, which had killed four persons and more than 30 cattle head in villages bordering Masinagudi in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu (TN), has been shifted to Mysuru Zoo's Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Koorgalli, where it is being treated for its injuries.

The injured tiger was brought to the rehabilitation centre by a team of 10 Forest officials from Tamil Nadu on Friday at about 11.30 pm. The tiger was tranquillised on Oct. 14 evening and the Forest officials who inspected the tiger found the tiger seriously injured and there was a need to provide treatment to it immediately. Initially, it was decided to shift the injured tiger to Vandalur Zoo in the south-western part of Chennai. As it would take seven hours to transport the injured tiger, the TN Forest officials decided to shit it to Mysuru, which is near.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that the tiger has been injured on various parts of its body including neck and face and was in a serious condition. Treatment began on the same night itself and the tiger had consumed two chicken, rabbit, he said and added that as the tiger is passing stools and urine normally, it shows that the digestion process is good but still the treatment is being continued.

Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Member-Secretary B.P. Ravi, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that to provide treatment and rehabilitation to injured wild animals, a rehabilitation centre was established on the outskirts of Mysuru city a decade back. Eight tigers have been rehabilitated here and it is for the first time that a tiger from other State has been sent for treatment, he added.

It may be recalled that the tiger, aged about 10 years, had created havoc in villages bordering Mudumalai Tiger Reserve adjacent to Bandipur Tiger Reserve. It had killed four humans and 30 cattle heads in a month. The tiger which was seriously injured in a territorial fight used to attack bike riders and cattle grazers which had led to villagers expressing anger on the TN Forest Department, which had issued a shoot order.

Wildlife enthusiasts and environmentalists had opposed the shooting of the tiger and had moved the Court. The TN Forest Department took up the operation to capture the tiger live since 20 days and had also sought the help of Rana, the sniffer dog of Bandipur and its handler Suresh Kalkakar Mage to trace the elusive tiger. On Oct. 14 evening, the tiger was traced, tranquillised, captured and was shifted to the rehabilitation in Mysuru for treatment.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gasconade

Pronunciation: gas-kuh-NAYD.
Meaning: Gasconade is confident talk or behaviour that is intended to impress other people.
Origin: The citizens of Gascony in southwestern France have proverbially been regarded as prone to bragging. Their reputation has been immortalised in such swashbuckling literary works as Alexandre Dumas' *The Three Musketeers* and Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac.* Linguistically, the legend survives in the word gascon, meaning "a swaggering person" or "braggart," as well as in gasconade itself.
Example: "His malevolence was only equalled by his audacity,—and this was, if possible, surpassed by his gasconade." — Nathaniel Pitt Langford, Vigilante Days and Ways, 1996.

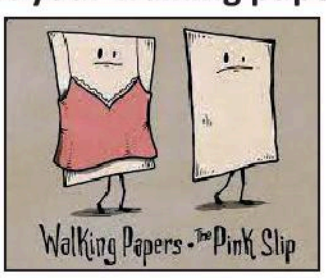
THE ODD WORD

Galatea

Striped cotton.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get your walking papers



Meaning: You've been told you can leave somewhere or you've been told that you are fired from your job.
Origin: The term 'get your walking papers' originates in the prison system. When an inmate is discharged, he or she is given papers that document the validity of the release.
Example: "You'd better clean up your act or you're going to get your walking papers."

QUOTE BOX

Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart. **— William Wordsworth**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WINEEE

Answer: Win with ease.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ after : inquires about a person?
5 Boil slowly
9 Novelist Rand
12 Greek goddess of the earth
13 _ __ __ person : all of us can say this? (1,2,1)
14 Ex-Chinese Chairman?
15 One and ___ : unique?
16 Thrives
18 Prescribed quantities of medicines
20 Belated
21 Prejudiced person
22 Vim or vigour
23 Gaelic sea god
24 Hideous giant
27 Its fission will give us nuclear energy
31 Turkish title
32 Group of nine
34 Unseal - poetically speaking !
35 Aircraft's missile
37 Mahatma Gandhi or R. G. Nadkarni
38 Legal thing
39 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
41 Former India wicket-keeper Ajay ____
43 She has lost her husband?
46 Excessive
47 Tombstone inscriptions
50 ___ and Crafts : beautifully made things?
52 Ancient Roman household deity
53 Flesh used as food
54 Treats with favouritism; fondles or indulges
55 Commonly used pesticide
56 South Pacific boat
57 Russian ruler

DOWN

1 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
2 Seaport in south-western California (3,5)
3 Just a thousand grammes?
4 Power of decision; mere assertion (3-2)
5 Drinks a little at a time
6 ___ and feather : form of ridicule or punishment?
7 Rock music style
8 Fritter away
9 Abbrev. for America - "mare" anagram?
10 It is exactly 36 inches
11 Inquisitive
17 Father or daddy
19 Harrow rival
21 Chatter, gossip or confess
22 Look like Tom?
25 Asian desert
26 Ribonucleic acid, acronym
28 Torments
29 Short amusing musical drama
30 Loma kin - "same" anagram?
33 Rotate
36 An inky stain
40 Spongy ground
42 Make suitable
43 Join metal
44 Apple's popular tablet computer
45 Earth or soil?
46 Flushing Meadows initials
48 For each, or for every
49 Monetary unit of Vietnam - "o ha" anagram?
51 Russian abbreviation, once

TUESDAY'S ANSWER

P	A	C	S	■	O	G	R	E	■	D	E	C
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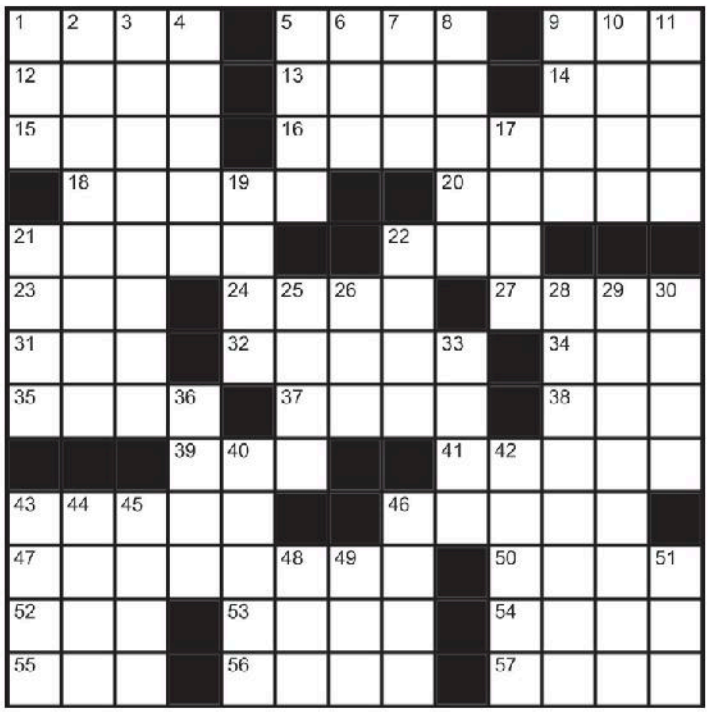

SUDOKU

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	3				6	7		1
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	2			3				
		3		2				5

Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	4	7	8	2	1	5	3
8	1	7	5	6	3	9	2	4
2	3	5	1	4	9	8	6	7
4	7	6	8	1	5	2	3	9
3	2	8	4	9	6	5	7	1
1	5	9	2	3	7	6	4	8
5	4	1	3	2	8	7	9	6
7	6	3	9	5	1	4	8	2
9	8	2	6	7	4	3	1	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FCATA YK PQ CGNOP STQZXAN MCYBC BQGXH PQF ZA KQXLAH

YW SAQSXA MQGXH KYNSXU HQ OK Y OHLYKA - JQTA LYHOX

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS P

Tuesday's Cryptoquip: A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.

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Kotigobba 3 (K)	(S-1)	8.20 am; (S-2) 8.00 am
	(S-3)	8.00 am
	(S-4)	8.05 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20, 7.05
Salaga (K)	(S-1)	11.10 am, 1.50 pm
	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Pellisanda D (Te)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Doctor (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 7.20 pm
Ninna Sanihake (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.15 pm

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Salaga (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm, 4.35 pm
	(S-2)	10.15 am
Kotigobba 3 (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 7.00 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, (S-1) 7.30 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm; (S-4) 10.40 am
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E)	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	2.00 pm, 7.45 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Ninna Sanihake (K)	(S-3)	12.10 pm

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Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E-3D)	9 am, 2.50 pm, 5.15 pm, 7.40 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	9.15 am, 11.35 am, 3.15 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	11.25 am, 6.35 pm
Doctor (Ta)	12 noon, 6.40 pm
Srikrishna@gmail.com (K)	12.35 pm
Salaga (K)	1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	3.15 pm

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Kotigobba 3 (K)	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E)	9.20 am
Venom: Let There Be Carnage (E-3D)	2 pm, 7.45 pm
Salaga (K)	9.45 am, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Most Eligible Bachelor (Te)	10.40 am, 3.10 pm
Maha Samudram (Te)	11.45 am, 6.35 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	12.45 pm
Doctor (Ta)	4.25 pm

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	(S-2)	8 am, 10.45, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Doctor (Ta)	(S-1)	10.55 am; (S-4) 4.00 pm
Aranmanai 3 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-4) 10.50 am, 6.50 pm
Salaga (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
	(S-3)	8.05 am, 10.30 am, 2.55 pm, 5.25 pm
Srikrishna@Gmail.com (K)	(S-3)	7.50 pm; (S-4) 1.50 pm

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T20 World Cup gets underway today

Oman, Oct. 17- The seventh edition of the ICC T20 World Cup is set to start in the UAE and Oman today (Oct. 17), with as many as 16 teams battling it out for the coveted prize.

The showpiece T20 event is returning after a five-year gap, with the initially planned 2020 edition being postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Originally scheduled to be held in India, the tournament was subsequently moved to the UAE and Oman. The 2021 edition will see the tournament start with an eight-team Round 1, which will be divided into two groups of four each.

Ireland, Namibia, the Netherlands and Sri Lanka are in Group A while Bangladesh, Oman, Papua New Guinea and Scotland are in Group B. **The T20 World Cup will begin with co-hosts Oman taking on Papua New Guinea in the opening game today.**

The two best finishers from each group will move to Super 12 phase, where they will join the 8 teams who have directly made it to the round on the basis of their rankings. The Super 12 phase will see two groups of six teams each, with Australia, England, South Africa and the West Indies directly placed in Group 1 and Afghanistan, India, New Zealand and Pakistan in Group 2.

Defending Champions the West Indies, led by the experienced Kieron Pollard, the only team to win the title on more than one occasion, will be looking to add a third crown next month.

Aaron Finch-led Australia, record five-time winners of the ODI World Cup, have never been able to win the T20 world title and will be keen to lift their maiden crown.

Placed in a tough group, Australia and the West Indies will also come up against reigning ODI World Champions England, who will be in search of a second title in this competition. Eoin Morgan's side won't face an easy ride though, with Temba Bavuma's South Africa another formidable side in the group.

The tourney will be the last for Virat Kohli as T20I Captain of India and the 32-year-old star will be keen on finishing his captaincy in the shortest format on a high. India will look to begin with a win when they face Pakistan in their opening clash. Warm-up matches for teams who have directly qualified for Super 12 phase will be held on Oct. 18 and 20, with India taking on England on 18th and Australia two days later.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 17)

- **Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Aniketana Seva Trust and Vachaspati Prakashana, Mysuru:** Book release — 'Hitihasa Samskruti' authored by Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore — by Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Visiting Professor Dr. Pradhan Gurudutta, columnist Dr. V. Ranganath speaks about the book, District Sahitya Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**
- **Raga Vaibhava:** Grand Hindustani Music Concert, Anirudh Aithal - vocal, M.G. Shridhatta - tabla and Thejas Katoti - harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Abhivyakti - Centre for Art and Culture, Mysuru:** Abhivyakti Habba-2021, Bharatanatyam artistes **Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra** of Mysuru and **Vidu. Karuna Sagari** of Coimbatore chief guests, Navollasa - Dance recital by Abhivyakti troupe, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm.**

- **Janani Seva Trust:** Prize distribution ceremony of Dasara Fashion Show and Doll Arrangement Competitions, Yaduveer Wadiyar Award presentation, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev inaugurates, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** 5th edition of Mysuru Literature Festival (virtual), Panellists - **Shabana Azmi (Mumbai)** and **Maithili Rao (Mysuru);** Topic - 'Lights, Camera, Action: A cinematic tale starring Shabana Azmi,' **7 pm to 8.15 pm.** [For registration: ***www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com;*** Live Telecast on YouTube and Facebook handle: **Mysuru Literature Festival;** For details, call Mob: 99802-50114]

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 18)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Bombe Mane- Doll expo, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Indian Art & Craft House and Festiworld:** Exhibition-cum-Sale of handlooms and handicrafts from across India, Open Ground near Apollo Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2021

Group Stage

TODAY'S MATCHES (OCTOBER 17)

Oman Vs **Papua New Guinea**- 3.30 pm

Bangladesh Vs **Scotland** - 7.30 pm

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Date: 16/10/2021, Place: Mysore.

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